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THE RED CROSS CARRIES ON

THE 1944 RED CROSS CAMPAIGN IS ON

DIG DOWN AND DIG DEEP AND LET'S PUT IT ACROSS

Leslie Roenigk, Chairman of the RED CROSS DRIVE for REA, called a rally for last Tuesday afternoon at which time he had asked Miss Louisa Ferrand of the RED CROSS to tell us something about the work of this organization from her own personal experiences.

Miss Ferrand has spent the past two years on the British Isles as a volunteer worker. Most of her time was spent at air bases with the 8th Air Force where she witnessed the take-off and return of the big bombers that participated in that now historic raid on Brunswick. For many minutes she recounted the heroic deeds of our servicemen and then told of the little comforts which mean so much to these heroes and to which we can in a small measure contribute through our liberal donations to an organization which will carry on where we leave off.

Miss Ferrand told of the many and various services which the RED CROSS is rendering to our boys over there: that of being the big sister with a kindly word of advice or the lending of a sympathetic ear when needed; assistance in financial difficulties which is part and parcel of the dough boy's life; the furnishing of entertainment when time hangs heavy and above all the giving of first aid when necessary. Nor is the prisoner of war forgotten for they make every effort to reach these men with packages of food, sweets and cigarettes as well as assist in the exchange of messages between them and their families. The list of RED CROSS accomplishments is endless for it is a list of those things which each individual worker brings to these boys from the will to help and all they ask is a yearly contribution to carry on.

While the things to be sent and done over there are and should be of primary importance it should be remembered that there are also the many headquarters which have been established all over these United States where the workers are on hand twenty-four hours each day to help in too many ways to be enumerated here, those who are left on the home front. Many of the REA girls have volunteered for some of this work which the RED CROSS is doing and will continue to do for long years after this war is ended.

Mr. Roenigk's rally started things off with a bang and the value of Miss Ferrand's talk is attested to by the signing of 200 pledges on the opening day of the drive, March 1st. With that as an example let's put over a drive to which we can point with pride next week when SPAN will publish the first week's figures.

COME ON!! LET'S GIVE, FOR YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU!

BOWLING STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 26, 1944

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>High Game</u>	<u>High Set</u>
Five Aces	27	12	.692	652	783	2256
Managettes	25	14	.641	649	831	2378
Loan Sharks	23	16	.590	707	855	2433
Designers	22	17	.564	662	770	2118
Managers	20	19	.512	642	728	2061
Bookies	17	22	.436	597	822	2332
Operettes	17	22	.436	583	729	2060
Crickettes	5	34	.128	552	706	2014

THURSDAY LEAGUE

Solicitors	23	16	.590	755	899	2470
Legalettes	23	16	.590	655	817	2370
Billettes	22	17	.564	632	821	2366
Figurettes	22	17	.564	621	850	2276
Administrators	20	19	.512	699	840	2360
Raters	18	21	.462	714	847	2293

DIDJA KNOW THAT

The rains came - 'twasn't too wet but wet enough to delay our reporting on the party and a few other odds and ends. The party must have been a huge success for the early hours of Saturday morn brought to Nurse Honig's sanctum a seemingly never ending parade of those in search of their own particular panacea for the morning after the night before. Our news scouts report that there was much gayety and mirth and that Mrs. R. Douglas Smith, in a lavender (?) frock which brought to mind Paris in the spring, was the envy of all the femmes; that no one is yet quite sure as to whether the heralded opera singer was really Mr. Metzger or E. Bohannan for when last seen Elva was leading the singing with great gusto; that the broad shoulders of one of the soldier boys made an excellent place for raven-haired Rosie to wail 'cause she was so sleepy and she also appeared to be doing all right with her arms; that the size 18 blonde in the size 16 red dress and the feathered head-dress captivated our soldier guests and seemed to be oblivious to everyone else - no one knows from whence she came or whither she departed but she had a time for herself while there; that the Financier from Arkansas must be a mean hoofer as Ruth Miller is still walking around on air and regaling all and sundry who will listen as to "HOW that man can dance"; while Bill Salt-marsh, not to be outdone, was showing the assembled multitude just what a real twirler could do with a chair - he doesn't have to have a gal in his arms though 'tis rumored that ... well, we won't go into that here. Boatmen's Annex will soon resemble "no man's land" if the present exodus doesn't diminish and it is with real regret that we see many of our staunchest supporters going far afield - some with the armed forces and some for other reasons beyond their control. Can anyone imagine REA without C.D. Blair, Mac McCutcheon or Joe Bray. C.D. is going back to Mississippi because of the ill health of Mrs. Blair but he hopes that in his capacity of Consulting Engineer he will at times be able to work with us in our march to glory. Lt. James Malcom McCutcheon reports for duty at the Marine Base at Quantico, Va., and thus adds to the glory of the Clan for Mac has three brothers already serving in this fight. This department for one is going to miss Mac's "Did you hear about the little moron....". Legal won't be the same without Joe Bray and we hope they won't send him to the Pacific for we fear that instead of fighting Joe will try to out-Jap the Japs in that once famed politeness which has now become only a myth. REA witnessed a fine example of helpfulness and unselfishness last week when the call went forth for volunteer blood donors to help

Charlie Moore, Reg. I of D&C, in a fight for his life. Charlie has been so very ill that a daily transfusion has been necessary and the D&C boys, together with one from COD have without hesitation supplied those transfusions. Many volunteered only to find that the type was not correct but they were there if they could have helped and Jim Salisbury and B.B. Winsett have done everything possible to obtain the release of a small amount of that miracle working drug, penicillin, to be used if it was found necessary. From the latest reports it is not going to be needed and it is hoped that Charlie will soon be back to carry on. However, all is not as dark as it might be. Helen Sechleben who used to work with the Legal-ites came in to see us the other day while visiting in her old home town. I. Bray is in the clouds on account of she is going back to Washington and also is announcing that Ross Edwards is going to become part of her family via the altar with Jo Clare; G. Thaxton has been proudly introducing son, Lt. Hal, now home on furlough. C. Ann Bomarito's new husband won't allow her to come back to work with that wolf in the Statistics Section and Rose Roman of the same Section had her 18th birthday and ring from her flying Cadet now stationed in Texas; Deacon Brown, "Brownie" to most, is wondering how he is going to reconcile his new title and duties with his propensities for... shall we say an occasional game of chance; and by way of contrast D&C has assigned Lilliputian Willena Frost to Region X to work with the Brobdingnagian Eardley - which reminds us that we have been admonished for transferring Ralph Smith to A&L and have been asked to put him right back in D&C... well, there he is, and Miss Stockham, of the D&C Stockhams, wants everyone to know she is K. and not C. as reported - sorry, 'twon't happen again - we hope.

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FRIDAY LEAGUE (as of February 26)

Team Name	Won	Lost	Per Cent	Average	High Game	High Set
Auditors	24	15	.615	688	800	2233
Boatmen's Best	24	15	.615	670	780	2225
Adminettes	23	16	.590	598	748	2118
Engineers	20	19	.512	621	753	2127
Amateurettes	18	21	.462	536	751	2192
Cooperettes	17	22	.436	560	814	2157
Constructors	15	24	.385	613	805	2116
Ruralettes	15	24	.385	557	703	2006

MEN

High Average..... Bullock, 167
 High Game Burns, 224
 High Set Bullock, 563

WOMEN

High Average..... Kallemeier, 155
 High Game Reno, 246
 High Set Kallemeier, 581